

# ISLAND PARK UFSD

## UNIVERSAL PRE-K



### Time for Creativity

The unit theme we will explore this month is Shadows and Reflections. The Reggio-inspired activities that we will participate in as a group involve body shadows, color shadows, mirrors, water, and crystals. We will use mirrors to draw our reflections. From this we will learn about what a reflection is and how we can view ourselves and the world around us using a reflection. We will learn about symmetry. That one side of a figure plus its mirror image should look like the original image. We also will learn new vocabulary - axis of symmetry (a line that separates the picture into two equal halves).

### Learning through Play

**Q: Where do worms go in the winter?**

A: Students learned that worms hibernate. When the ground gets cold during winter, worms dig down into the soil where it is warmer. That warm soil acts like a blanket to keep them warm. As the ground warms and the soil loosens, they make their way back to the surface.

**Q: How can snakes hear if they don't have ears?**

A: Students learned that snakes don't have ears, but have a "tool" inside their head that is attached to their jaw bones that help them hear. This "tool" helps them hear sounds that are low and sense vibrations on the ground.

### Our Newest "Reads"

Ask your child about the facts we learned and the characters we met while reading!

- ◆ *In the Small, Small Pond* by Denise Fleming
- ◆ *The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carl
- ◆ *The Wind Blew* by Pat Hutchins



### Math Counts! We can now count to 30!

The number concepts we worked on this month include:

- ◆ *Measurement and Data* (describe and compare measurable attributes)
- ◆ *Operations and Algebraic Thinking* (addition, subtraction)
- ◆ *Counting and Cardinality* (know number names and the count sequence)

### Write from the Beginning

We are now in Guided Reading groups. Our efforts are focused on pointing to each word, understanding capital letters, periods, and reading pictures for context clues.

### Quote of the Month

*"The wider the range of possibilities we offer children, the more intense will be their motivations and the richer their experiences."*

*Loris Malaguzzi*

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### Parent Tip of the Month

- To improve your child's pencil grip use small bits of crayon during drawing activities. Children naturally pick up the pieces correctly. They should also use golf size (mini) pencils as they are in correct proportion to your child's hand.